IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:

Markl et al.

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For:

METHYLATION ALTERED DNA SEQUENCES AS MARKERS

ASSOCIATED WITH HUMAN CANCER

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Commissioner for Patents

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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated November 25, 2003, applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time to respond, extending the date for reply three months, up to and including May 27, 2003 (May 25 being a Sunday and May 26 being a holiday).

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375.00 DP

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02 FC:2253

465.00 DP

The small entity amount of \$465 for the Petition is included in the enclosed check. Please charge any additional fees due and credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 04-0258 of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. This Petition is included in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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